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SUBJ: MITRIONE MEMORIAL STAMP-URUGUAY A0123-2 UR XR PER AID

REF: (A) MEMCON ABELLA/HINOJOSA, MARCH 23
(B) LETTER DRIGGERS/ENGLE, MARCH 24

1. USIS REPORT OF MCCLOSKEY PRESS BRIEFING APRIL 12 INCLUDES STATEMENT THAT AID WOULD ISSUE PRESS RELEASE APRIL 12 ON URUGUAY MITRIONE STAMP. NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THIS STAMP HAS AS YET APPEARED IN URUGUAY AND NO AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY MISSION FROM GOU FOR ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE BY AID OR OTHER USG SOURCE. MISSION REGRETS THAT IT NOT QUERIED ONPROPRIETY OF WASHINGTON ANNOUNCEMENT PRIOR TO DECISION TO ISSUE PRESS RELEASE. HAD MISSION BEEN QUERIED IT WOULD HAVE RECOMMENDED AGAINST ANY PUBLIC RELEASE OF INFORMATION ON MITRIONE STAMP PRIOR TO URUGUAYAN PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. REQUEST THAT NO FURTHER PUBLICITY BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRESS RELEASE MINIMUZED. USIS WILL NOT DISTRIBUTE MITRIONE STAMP PRESS RELEASE IN URUGUAY, AND MISSION HOPES THAT NEWSPAPERS WILL NOT PICK UP STORY, OR ADVERSE REACTION BE CAUSED.

3. WILL APPRECIATESUBMISSION FOR PRIOR APPROVAL THIS MISSION OF ALL AID PRESS RELEASES OR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING POLICE RELATED ACTIVITIES IN URUGUAY IN FUTURE.

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